Toolkit

Social Impact Dinner Discussion

Planner's Guide

A social impact dinner discussion is a great way to share ideas, discover new perspectives, and build a tight-knit chapter community.

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Before

1 month before	Send out a participation survey including whether invitees would like the meal to be potluck-style vs. takeout, and who is willing to host
1 week before	Send 1-3 articles for participants to read in advance of the dinner and location and time of the meal
1-2 days before	Send out an email reminder of the dinner to participants

During

Example article topics:

- Philanthropy
- Microfinance
- Impact investing
- International development
- Education
- Impact design
- Climate change
- Racial equity

Website recommendations for finding articles:

- Stanford Social Innovation Review
- TriplePundit
- Nextbillion
- Impatient Optimists
- SocialEarth
- UN Dispatch
- Devex Impact
- The Guardian - Sustainable Business

After

Create a simple survey for participants to fill out 24 hours after the event.

- On a scale of 1-10, how much would you recommend attending a social impact dinner to a friend?
- What did you like best about the event? What would you keep the same for future dinners?
- What did you like least about the event? What would you change for future dinners?
- Do you have any articles to suggest for future dinners?

